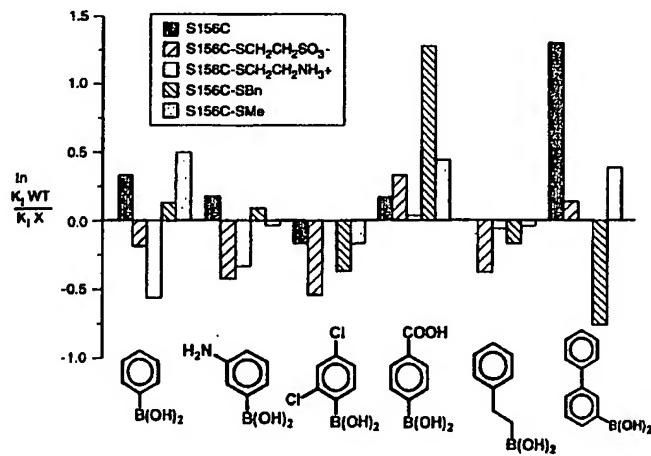




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(57) Abstract

Modified enzymes are provided in which at least one amino acid, such as asparagine, leucine, methionine or serine, of an enzyme is replaced with a cysteine and the thiol hydrogen is replaced with a substituent group providing a thiol side chain selected from the group consisting of: a) $-SR^1R^2$, wherein R^1 is an alkyl and R^2 is a charged or polar moiety; b) $-SR^3$, wherein R^3 is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl; c) $-SR^4$, wherein R^4 is substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyl; d) $-SR^5$, wherein R^5 is $C_{10}-C_{15}$ alkyl; and e) $-SR^6$ wherein R^6 is a C_{1-6} alkyl. Also, methods of producing the modified enzymes are provided, as well as detergent and feed additives and a composition for the treatment of a textile. A method for using the modified enzymes in organic synthesis is additionally provided. Further, modified enzymes having improved activity, altered pH profile and/or wash performance are provided.

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Modified enzyme wherein one or more amino acid residues are replaced by cysteine residues, wherin the cysteine residues are modified by replacing the thiol hydrogen with a substituent group of the general formula -SR₁R₂ in which R₁ is an alkyl and R₂ is a charged or polar moiety.

2. Claims: 35 completely, 1 7-14 16 22-29 31-33 partially

Modified enzyme wherein one or more amino acid residues are replaced by cysteine residues, wherin the cysteine residues are modified by replacing the thiol hydrogen with a substituent group of the general formula -SR₃ in which R₃ is a substituted or unsubstituted phenyl

3. Claims: 36 completely 1 7-14 16 22-29 31-33 partially

Modified enzyme wherein one or more amino acid residues are replaced by cysteine residues, wherin the cysteine residues are modified by replacing the thiol hydrogen with a substituent group of the general formula -SR₄ in which R₄ is substituted or unsubstituted cyclohexyl

4. Claims: 37 38 completely 1 7-12 16 22-27 31-33 partially

Modified enzyme wherein one or more amino acid residues are replaced by cysteine residues, wherin the cysteine residues are modified by replacing the thiol hydrogen with a substituent group of the general formula -SR₅ in which R₅ is C₁₀₋₁₅ alkyl

5. Claims: 15 30 39-42 completely 31-33 partially

Modified enzyme wherein one or more amino acid residues selected from asparagine, leucine or serine are replaced by cysteine residues, wherin the cysteine residues are modified by replacing the thiol hydrogen with a substituent group of the general formula -SR₆ in which R₆ is C₁₋₆ alkyl.

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